

Andrew Jackson to Samuel L. Gouveneur, January 4, 1845, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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1 Copy. The date must be 1845, for the article signed "G." (Gouverneur, evidently) is in the National Intelligencer for Dec. 24, 1844.

Hermitage, January 4, 1844 [1845].

Mr. Governeer,

soninlaw to Ex President James Munroe deceased,

Sir, A friend of mine in Nashville Tennessee, has placed in my hands the National Intelligencer of the 24th of December last, containing a publication over the letter, G. In speaking of the treaty of 1819 with Spain it contains the following, "Its provisions were the subject of friendly consultation with Jefferson and Madison, names identified with no concession unworthy of their country, and the policy dictated, especially as to boundery, has the written approbation of Jackson etc. etc." I have no doubt but you are the author, and therefore I address you, and request that you will give to my friend B.F. Butler Esqr. 2 who will hand you this for my use a full copy of my letter from which you have made the above extract together with a copy of the letter of Mr. Munroe to which it was an answer. I trust you will see the propriety of complying with this request when it is made known to you that when my House was burned several of Mr. Munroes private letters to me, and my

2 Benjamin F. Butler of New York, Attorney General in the Cabinets of Jackson and Van Buren 1833–1838.

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class=MsoNormal>0382 358 answer were lost. I regret that in your publication you did not give the date of my letter—from this omission you will discover the propriety of my request. Let Mr. Butler compare the copies with the originals and indorse, true copy. 3 very respectfully your obdt. Servant,

3 Jan. 3, 1845, Gouverneur wrote to Maj. W. B. Lewis asking him to procure for him copies of Monroe's letters to Jackson of Sept. 15, 1819, May 23, 1820, and Jan. 24, 1821. He protested the highest respect for Jackson, and said he acted only to protect Monroe's good name.

[Indorsement :] A copy of a letter to Mr. Gouverneur, son-in-law to Ex President James Monroe, deceased, dated 4th of January 1845, and inclosed to my friend B.F. Butler Esqr N.york, to deliver, obtain the copies of the letters referred to. To inclose one copy to F.P. Blair Esqr, Washington and another copy to me to file at home and have before me should it be necessary to come before the public. This to be carefully kept.